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SUBJECT: SSOD: NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN PROGRAM
OF ACTION

1. USSR REP INTRODUCED FOLLOWING TEXT FOR INCLUSION
IN SECTION ON OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN PRO-
GRAM OF ACTION:

INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO RULE OUT,
ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE EMERGENCE AND DEPLOYMENT OF
NEUTRON WEAPONS. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON THAT
SUBJECT IT CAN BE STATED WITH FULL CONFIDENCE THAT:

-- NEUTRON WEAPONS ARE AN ESPECIALLY INHUMAN MEANS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE;

-- NEUTRON WEAPONS WILL INEVITABLY LOWER THE THRESHOLD
OF A NUCLEAR WAR AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL INCREASE THE
PROBABILITY OF SUCH A WAR;

--THE INTRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS BY ONE GROUP OF
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STATES WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO SIMILAR ACTION ON THE
PART OF ANOTHER GROUP OF COUNTRIES, AND THIS WILL
OPEN UP A NEW CHANNEL FOR THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, JUST
AS HAPPENED IN THE 1940S WITH ATOMIC, AND IN THE 1950S
WITH THERMONUCLEAR, WEAPONS;

-- THE EMERGENCE OF ANY ONE TYPE OF NEUTRON WEAPONS

COULD MARK BUT A START OF THIS RACE: THE FIRST TYPE WILL INEVITABLY BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER TYPES WITH EVEN GREATER DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY, DESIGNED TO ATTAIN OBJECTIVES BROADER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY CONCEIVED, INCLUDING OBJECTIVES WHICH GO BEYOND THE CONFINES OF A SINGLE CONTINENT.

PROCEEDING FROM THE INTERESTS OF THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FACTS, CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS SHOULD BE ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY, WHILE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD SUM UP THE RESULTS OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

2. US REP BRACKETED TEXT. HE NOTED THAT THE US HAS DEFERRED DECISION ON PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB AND THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON THE RESTRAINT EXERCISED BY THE USSR. US, THEREFORE, DID NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE THAT CONVENTION ON NEUTRON WEAPONS WAS APPROPRIATE PRIORITY FOR CONSIDERATION IN CCD OR OTHER BODIES. YOUNG

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